How to become a Dragon

- EPISODE 101 -

I AM...

...THE DRAGON KING OF THE EASTERN SEA.

WHISPER

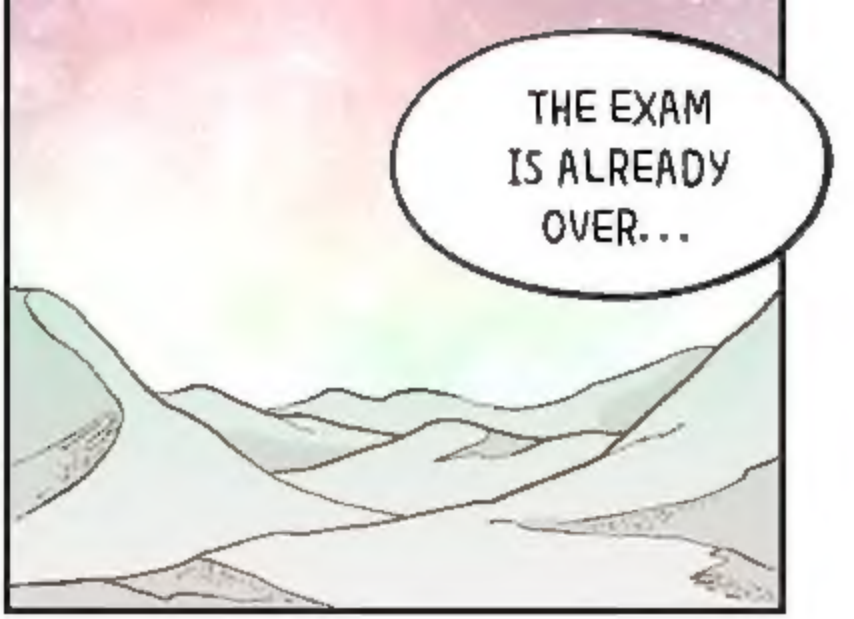
HIS VOICE DOESN'T SOUND LIKE

THE ONE I HEARD, THOUGH...
WHISPER
SAME...
YOU INSIGNIFICANT LITTLE BEINGS.
ARE YOU DOUBTING THE WORD OF THE DRAGON KING?

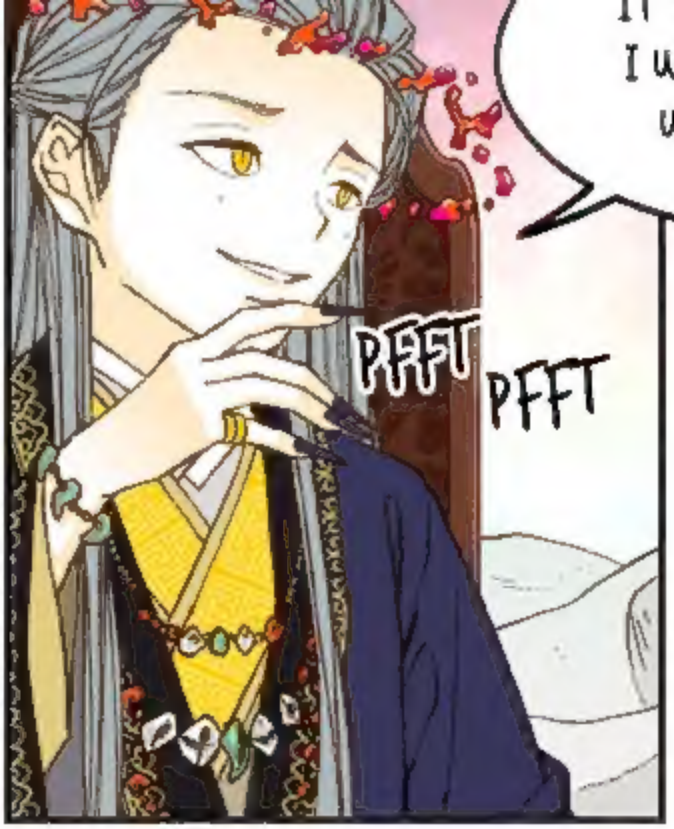
NO, IT'S NOT THAT,

HE CAME FLYING IN ON A CHAIR, SO I GUESS HE'S RIGHT.

BUT WHY WERE YOU WAITING FOR US...?


THE EXAM
IS ALREADY
OVER...

IT WAS NOT
AN EASY EXAM.
YOU TOOK

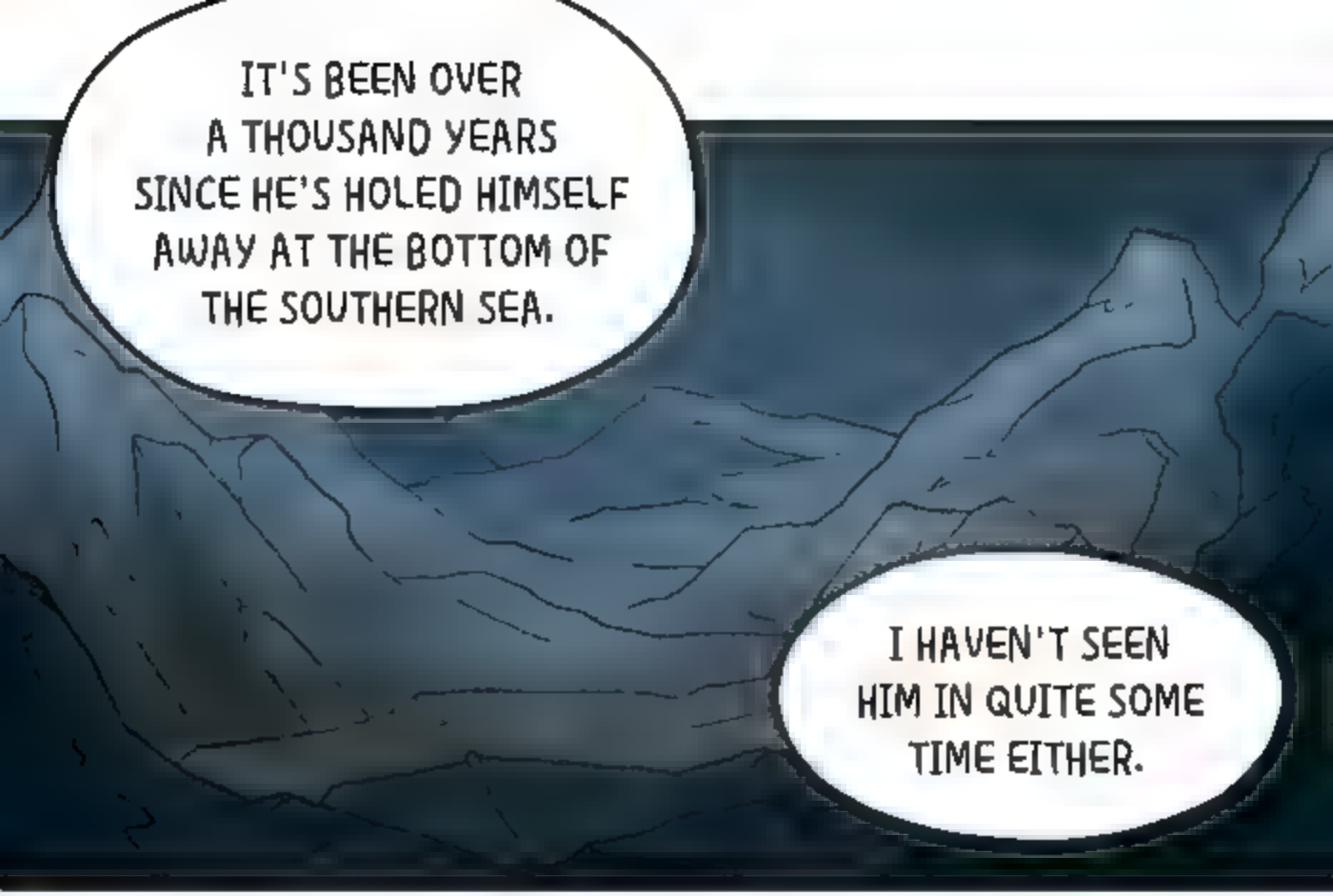

IT TWICE AND PASSED.
I WAS CURIOUS TO SEE
WHAT YOU LOOKED
LIKE.
PFFT
PFFT

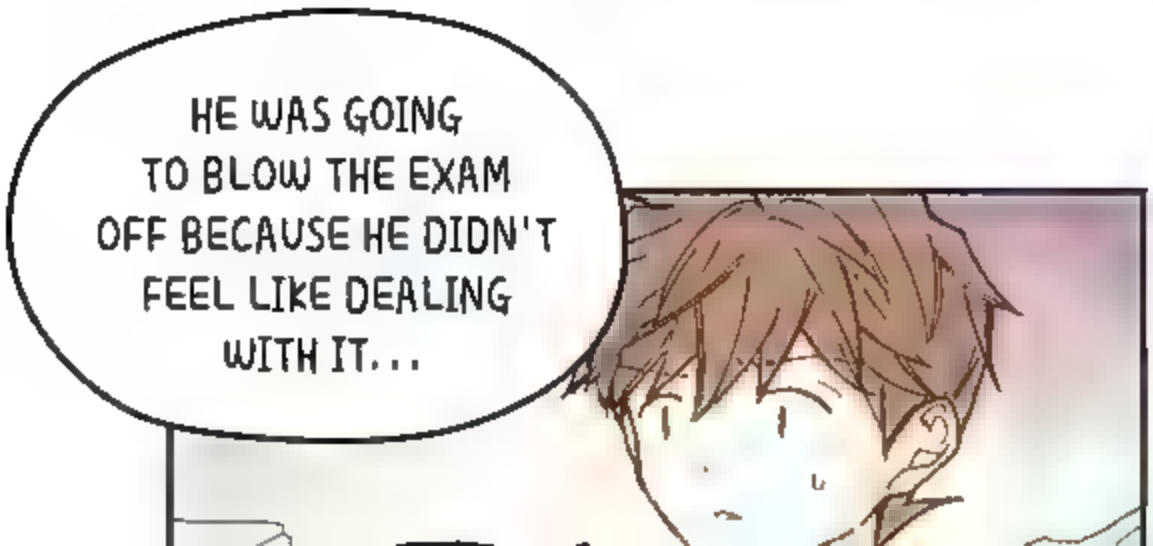
HE HAS
A TERRIBLE
PERSONALITY!

NOW THAT YOU'VE PASSED THE SECOND EXAM,
ONLY THE FINAL EXAM REMAINS.
STAND
HOWEVER, THE PROCTOR OF THE EXAM IS RATHER PARTICULAR.

NO...
PERHAPS I SHOULD SAY THAT HE ALWAYS DOES AS HE PLEASES.
EVEN CHEONRYONG'S WORDS GO IN ONE EAR AND RIGHT OUT THE OTHER FOR HIM.

ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT... THE DRAGON KING OF THE SOUTHERN SEA?


IT'S BEEN OVER A THOUSAND YEARS SINCE HE'S HOLED HIMSELF AWAY AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SOUTHERN SEA.
I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM IN QUITE SOME TIME EITHER.


HE WAS GOING TO BLOW THE EXAM OFF BECAUSE HE DIDN'T FEEL LIKE DEALING WITH IT...

...

...BUT CHEONRYONG BARELY CONVINCED HIM TO DO THIS.

THE DRAGON KING OF THE EASTERN SEA AGREED TO PROCTOR THE EXAM UNDER THE CONDITION THAT...

...YOU IMOOGIS WOULD FIND HIM SOMETHING HE DESIRES.

EXCUSE ME?

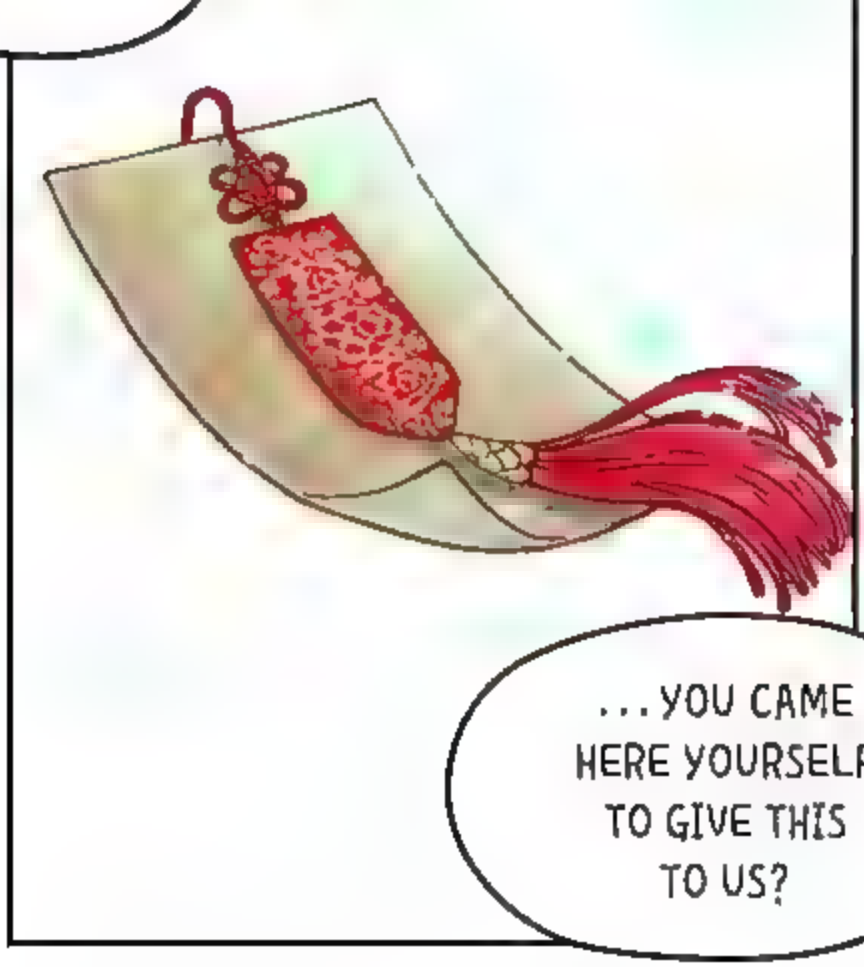
THEN...

IF
YOU CANNOT
FIND IT...
...THE THIRD
EXAM WILL NEVER
BEGIN.

HMPH,
HE SAID THAT
HE WOULD PROCTOR
THE EXAM IF HE
HAD TO...
...BUT
THAT IT WAS UP
TO HIM WHEN HE
WOULD ACTUALLY
DO IT.

WHAT IS IT...
...THAT WE MUST FIND?

A-ARE YOU SAYING...



. . . YOU CAME HERE YOURSELF TO GIVE THIS TO US?

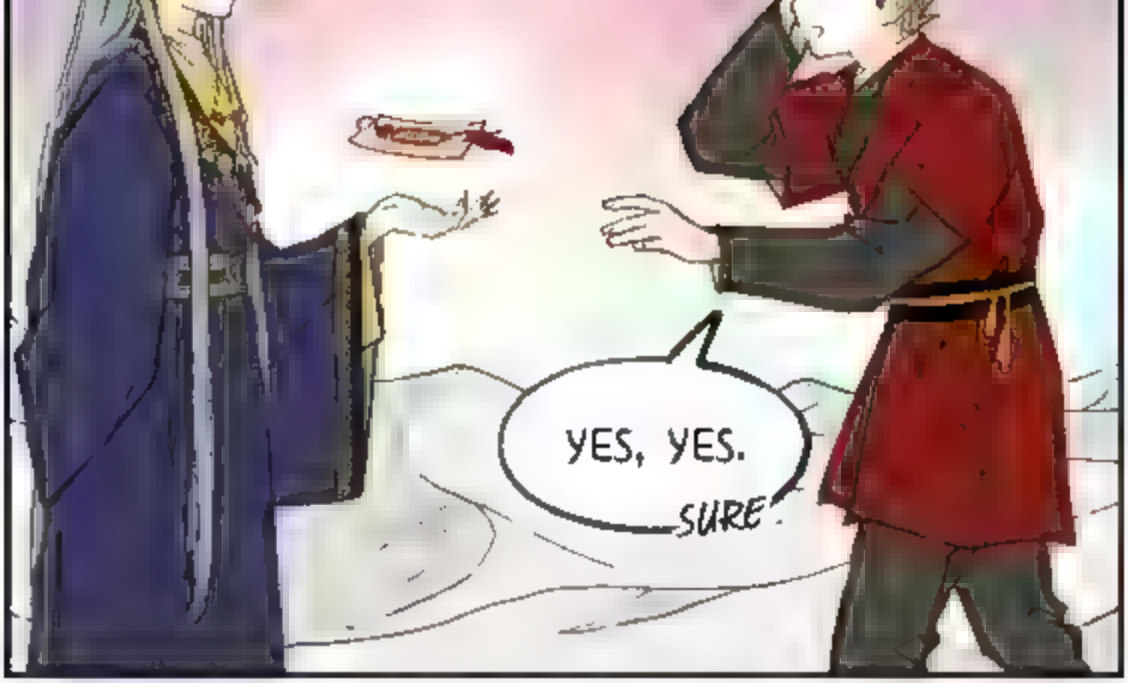
I MUST SEND THOSE WHO PASSED OUT OF THE WATER,

BUT AS I DO NOT WISH TO SULLY MY PALACE OR OCEAN,

I WILL OPEN A PATH FOR THEM MYSELF.

WHAT ARE WE, GERMS OR SOMETHING?

I HAVE NEVER SEEN GOOD THINGS COME FROM THOSE WHO LIVE OUTSIDE THE WATER.


YES, YES.
SURE

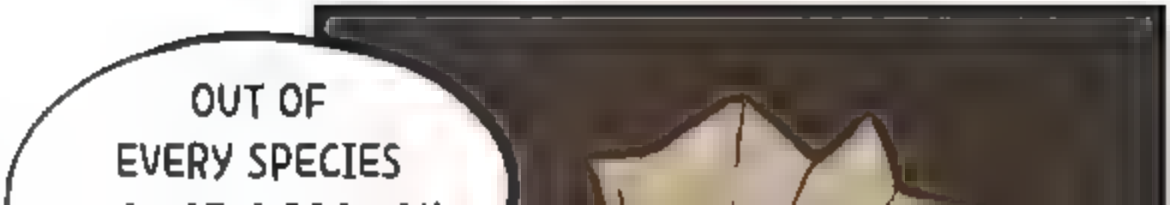
...!

KUH?
SWIPE

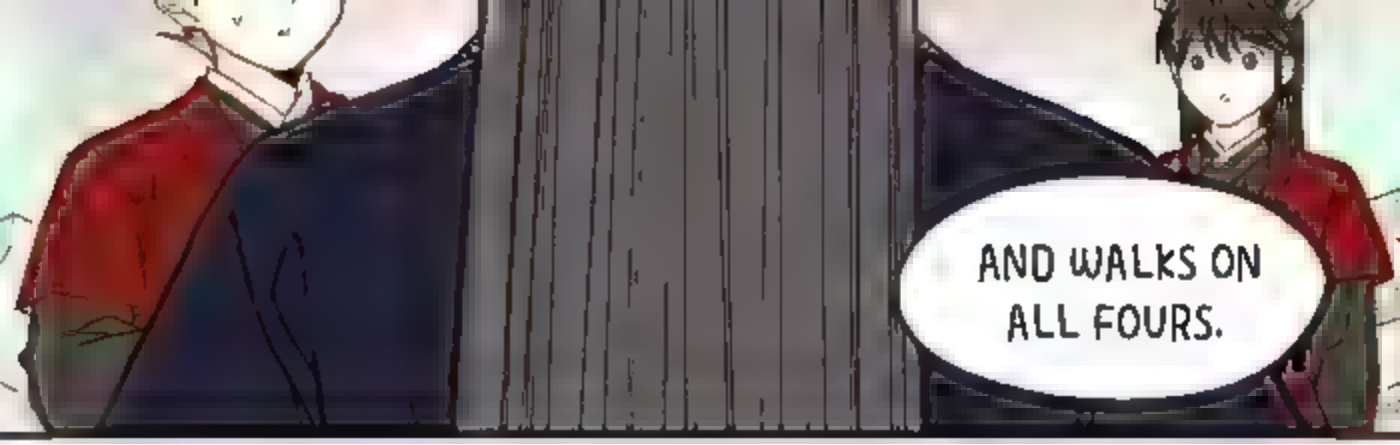
Y...
YOU TOLD ME TO TAKE IT?
WHY...

YOU...
YOU ARE SPREADING SOMETHING VILE.

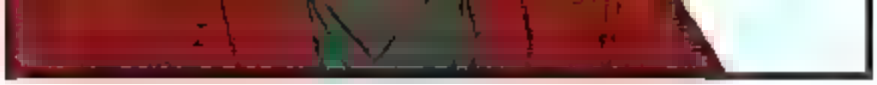
BUT...
SNIFF
SNIFF
AH!
CRUMPLE
WE WASHED UP WELL...
WHY ARE YOU CRUMPLING IT?


OUT OF EVERY SPECIES

THAT SETS FOOT ON THE SOIL...
CRUMPLE
...IT IS THE LOWEST OF ALL.
CRUMPLE
CAN YOU LET GO OF THAT FIRST...?
IT IS SLY, WITH A HORRID APPEARANCE...

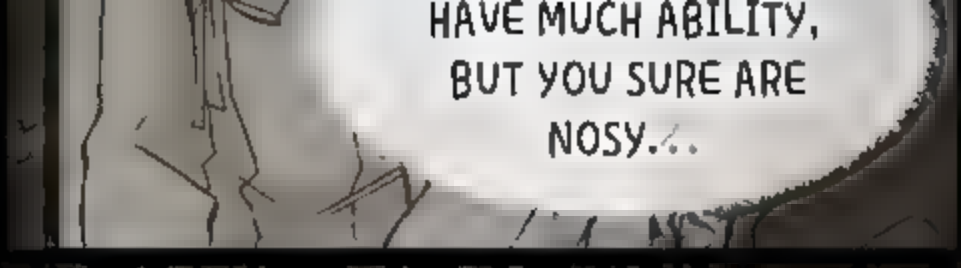

AND WALKS ON ALL FOURS.

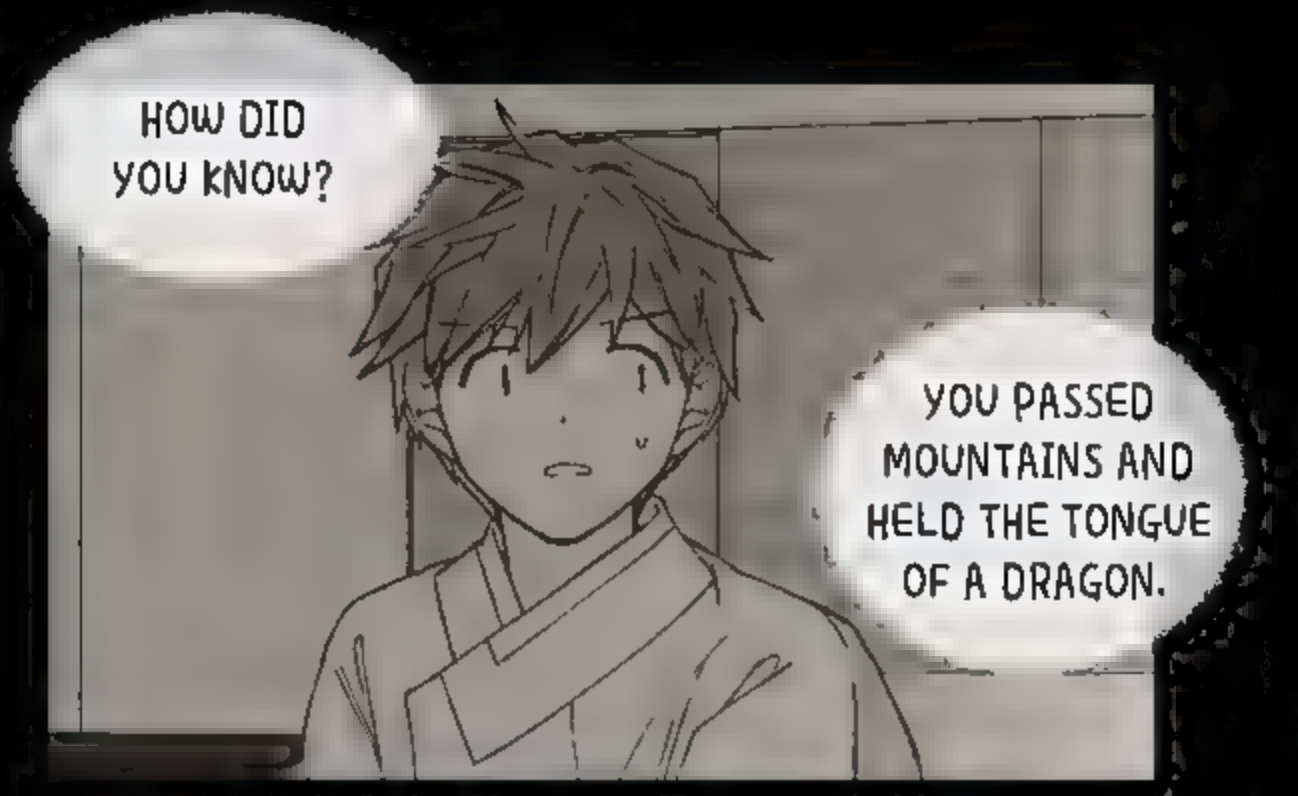
NO WORDS CAN DESCRIBE HOW VULGAR ITS GAIT LOOKS...
...



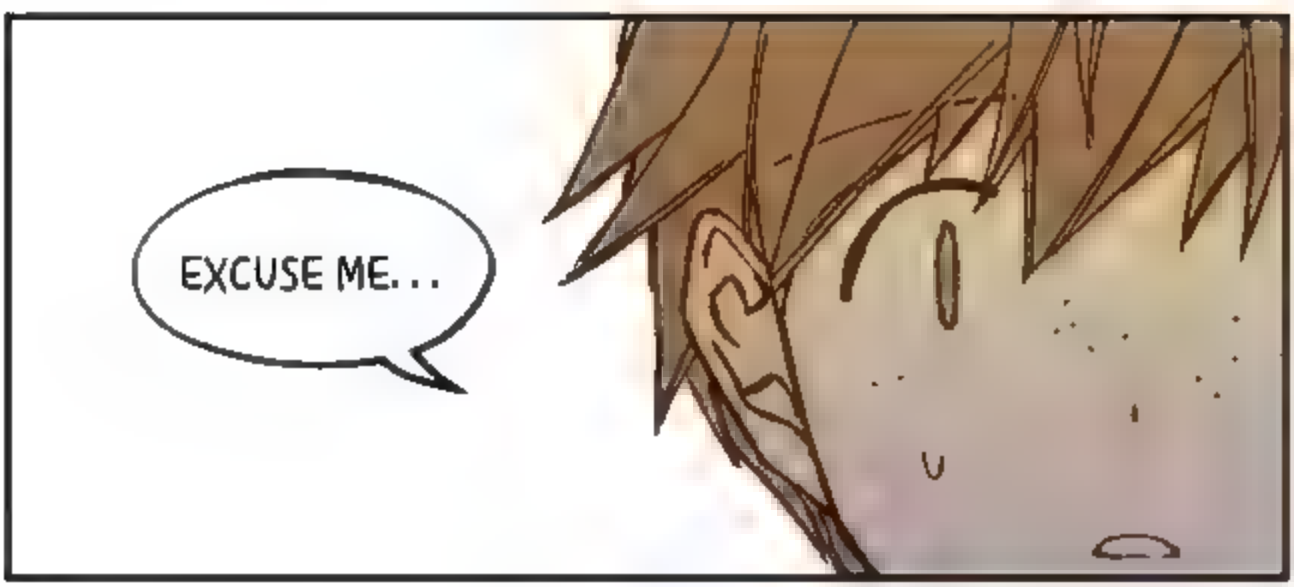
MANY THINGS MUST HAVE HAPPENED...

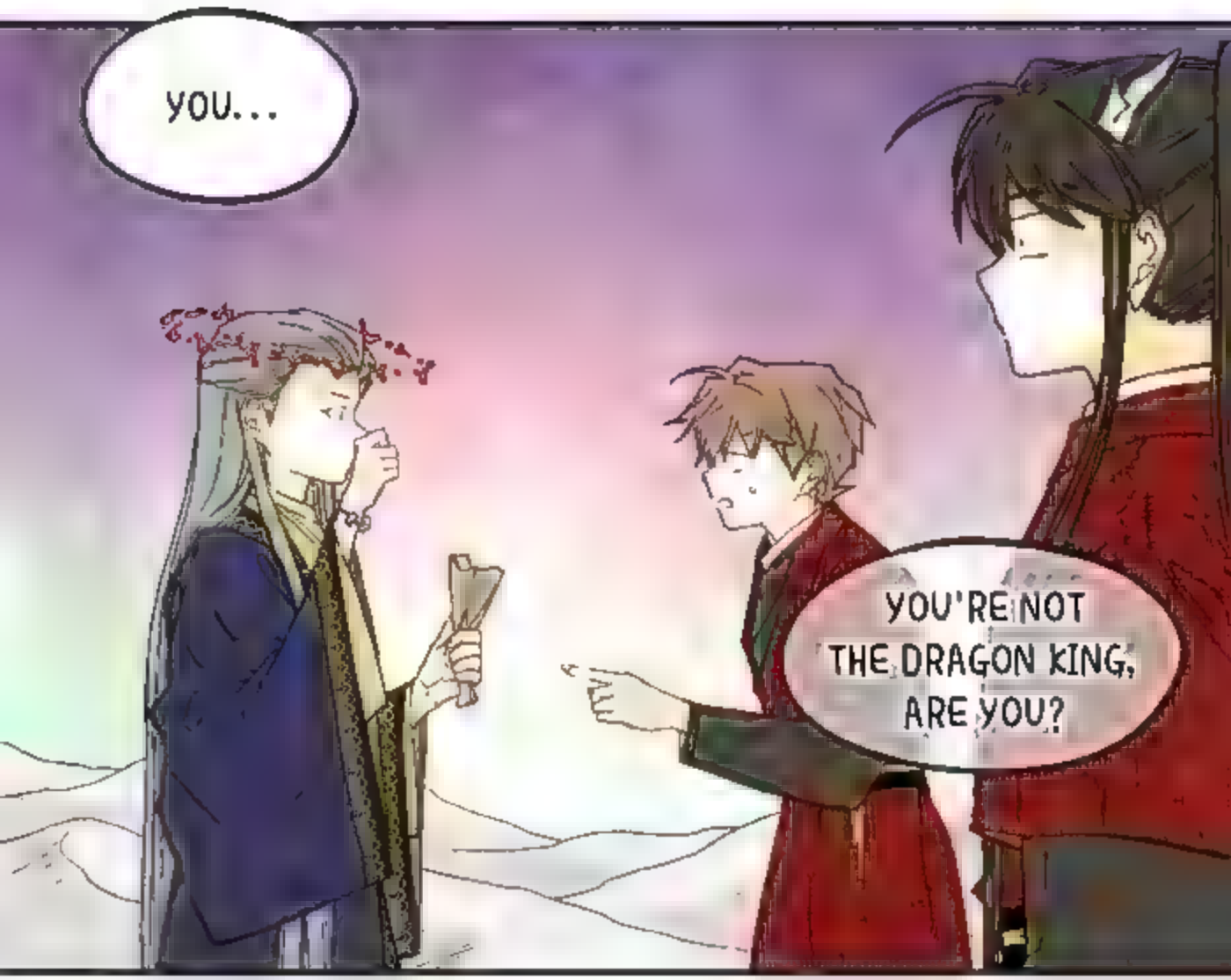
...IN THE SHORT TIME SINCE I LAST SAW YOU.


HAVE MUCH ABILITY,
BUT YOU SURE ARE
NOSY...


HOW DID
YOU KNOW?
YOU PASSED
MOUNTAINS AND
HELD THE TONGUE
OF A DRAGON.

...
HOW COULD I NOT KNOW, WHEN MY MASTER HAS FOREIGN SOIL ON HIM?

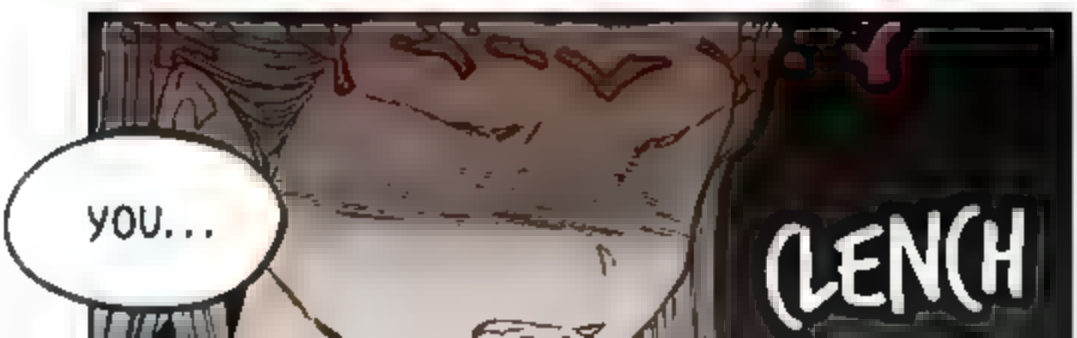

EXCUSE ME...


YOU...
YOU'RE NOT THE DRAGON KING, ARE YOU?

...
WHAT...?

Y-YOUNG...!
WHAT ARE YOU

TALKING ABOUT?
SHAKE
SHAKE
YOU'RE NOT THE DRAGON KING, RIGHT?
HE'S DRIPPING IN JEWELS AND HAS A CROWN ON! WHAT ELSE COULD HE BE BESIDES THE DRAGON KING?

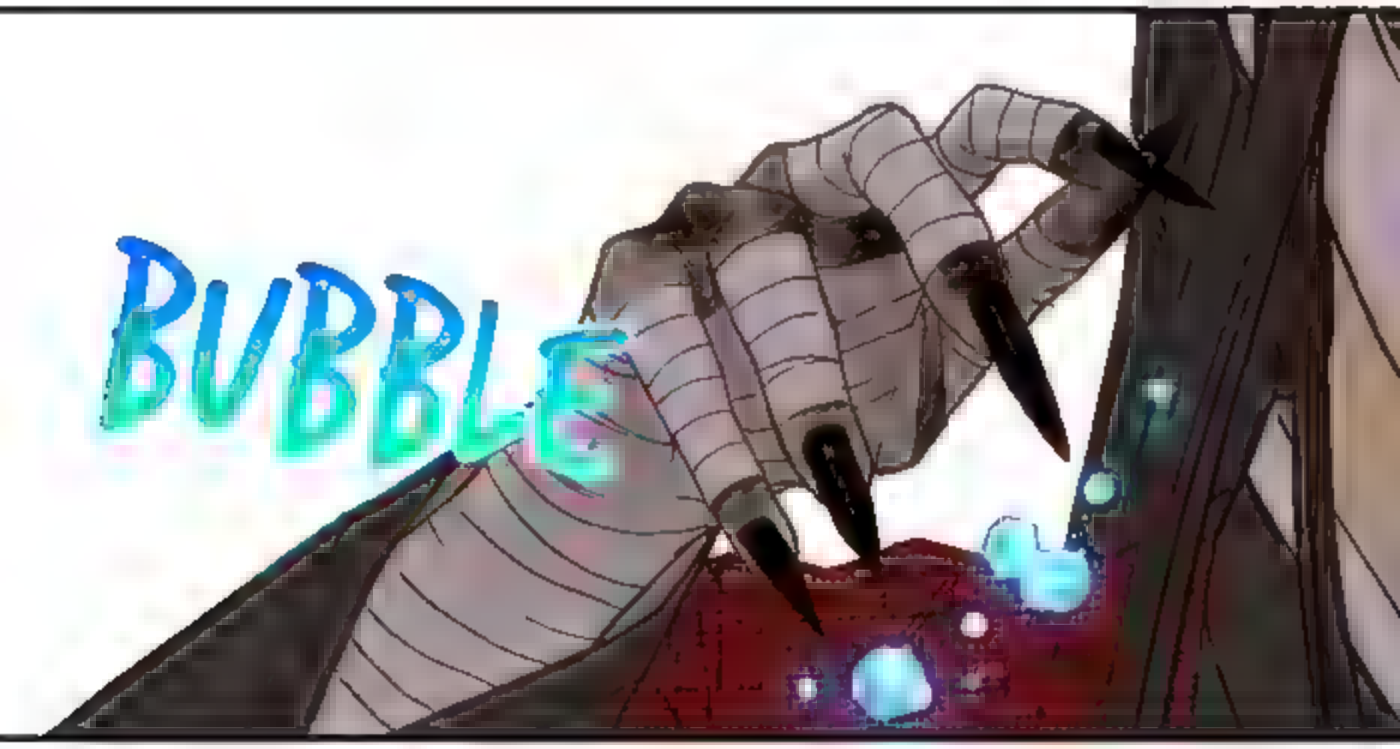

YOU...
CLENCH

HOW DARE YOU...

LIFT
JUST BECAUSE YOU PASSED THE EXAM...

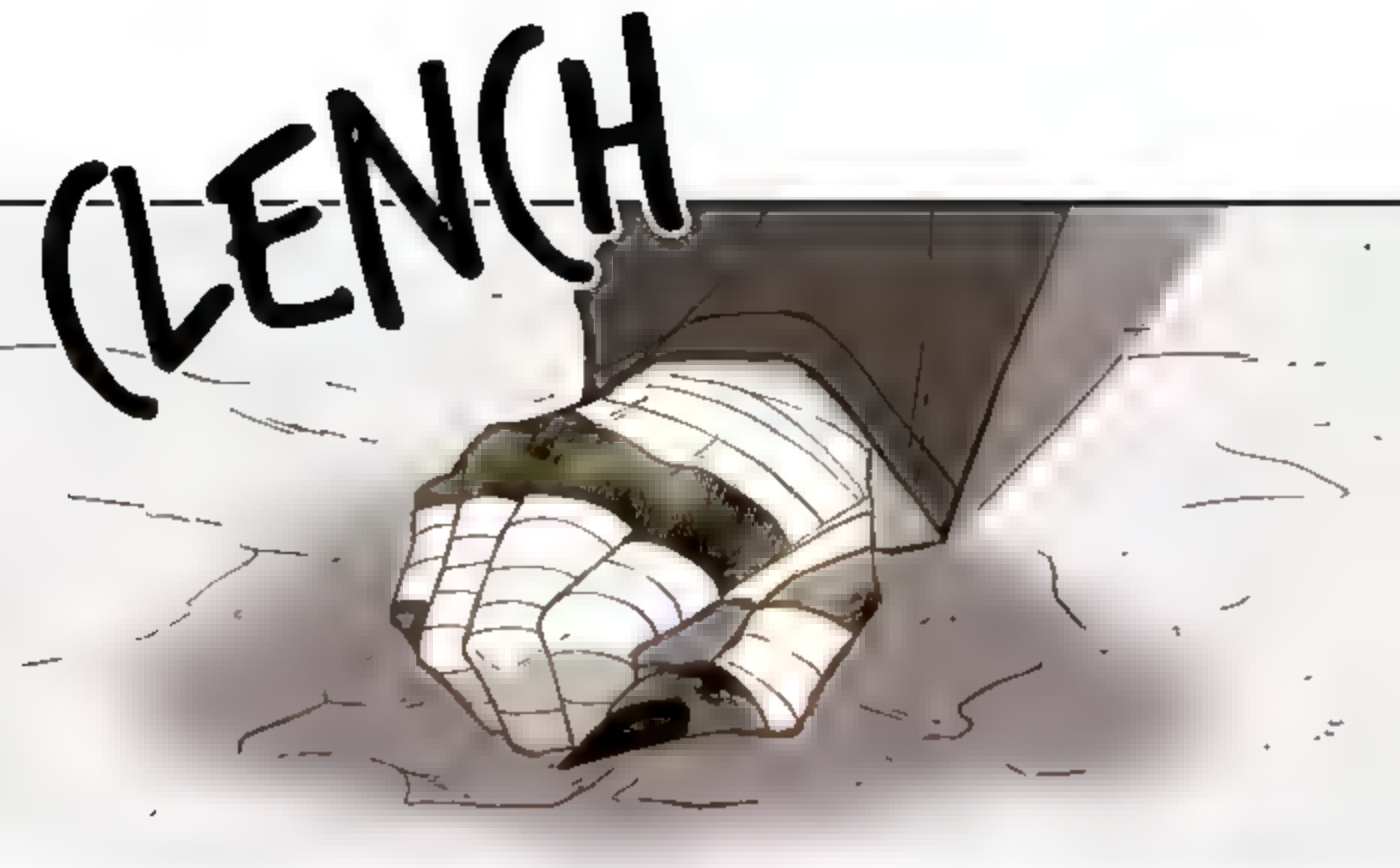
...YOU MUST NOT CARE ABOUT ANYTHING ANYMORE!
FWOOM
!
!

FWOOOSH
AAAAH!
USE YOUR WORDS...!


BUBBLE

SNACK

SHAH


CLENCH

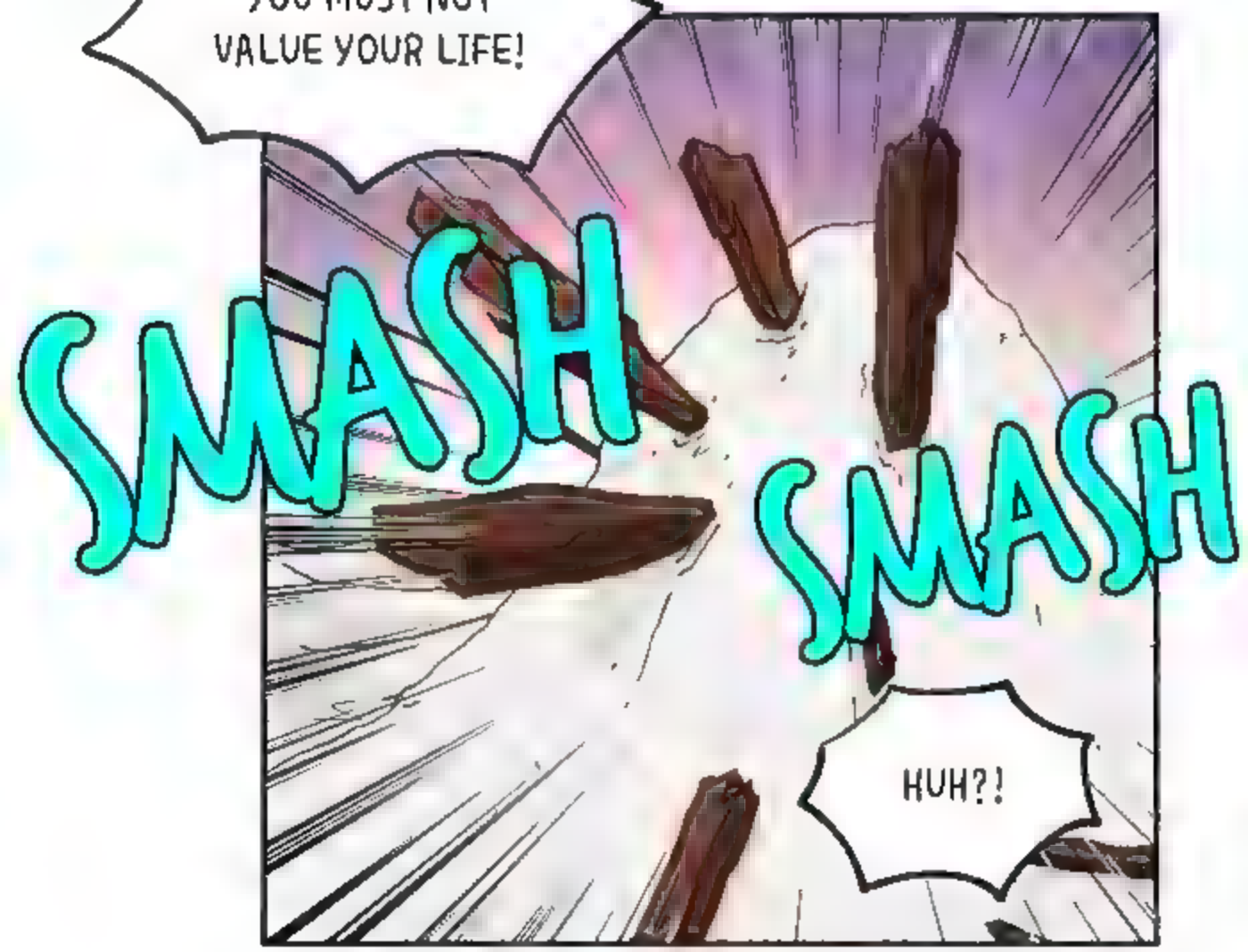
WHOOSH

SMASH

YOUNG!
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
UH...
UM... UH...

A HUMAN WHO CAN BARELY LIVE A HUNDRED YEARS...
...DARES TO DISRESPECT *ME*?

YOU MUST NOT


VALUE YOUR LIFE!
SMASH
SMASH
HUH?!

HOW LITTLE YOU MUST HAVE THOUGHT OF ME...
CRACK
T-THE DRAGON

CRACK
KING SEEMS QUITE UPSET.
I'M TELLING YOU!
CRACK
HE'S NOT THE DRAGON KING!
WHY...?

DO YOU HAVE A REASON FOR THINKING THAT?

THE DRAGON KING OF THE WESTERN SEA CALLED CHEONRYONG HIS SISTER.

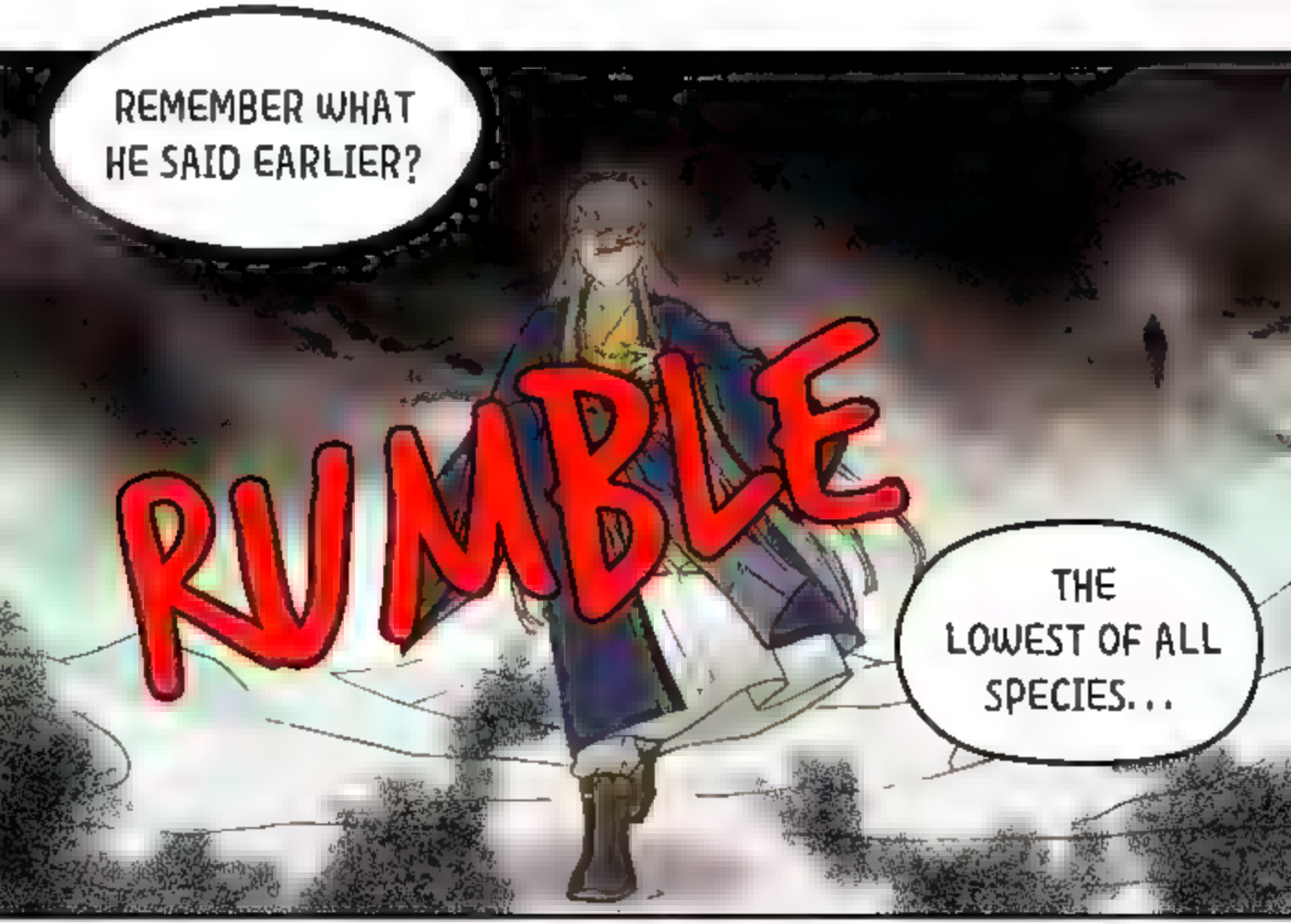
IT'S WEIRD THAT HE KEEPS CALLING CHEONRYONG BY NAME WHEN THEY'RE

SIBLINGS.

IT'S ALSO STRANGE THAT HE CAME HERE HIMSELF...
CRACK
SMASH
...WHEN HE KEPT SAYING THAT HE'D BURY US WHEN THE EXAM WAS OVER.

THE DRAGON KING OF THE WESTERN SEA DID ALL OF THE WORK IN THE SECOND EXAM.
ISN'T IT FISHY THAT THE GUY WHO NEVER BOTHERED TO SHOW UP ONCE DECIDED TO COME HERE IN PERSON TO SEND US OFF?

AND MORE THAN ANYTHING, SEEING AS HOW HE HATES THAT FLUFFBALL SO MUCH...
CRACK
F...
CRACK
FLUFFBALL?

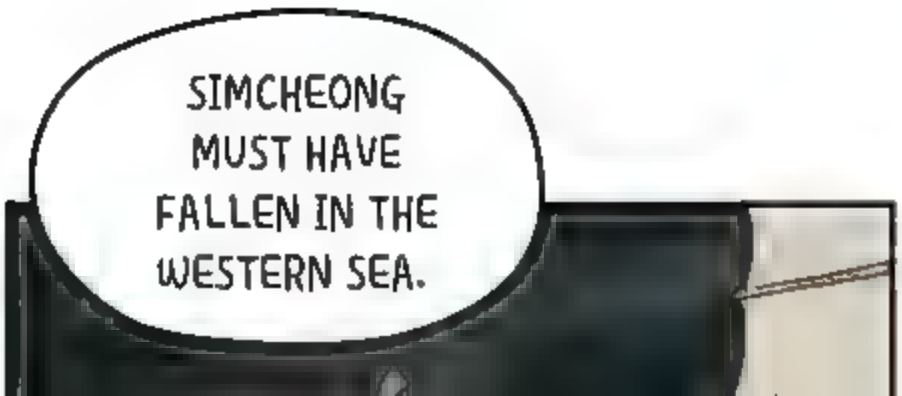

REMEMBER WHAT HE SAID EARLIER?
RUMBLE
THE LOWEST OF ALL SPECIES...

SOMETHING SLY...

...WITH A HORRID APPEARANCE...
...THAT JUMPS AROUND IN A VULGAR MANNER.
WE MET IT EARLIER...
TWITCH

THE...
THE MOUNTAIN RABBIT.
CRACK
THE MOUNTAIN SPIRIT?

...
...
BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP

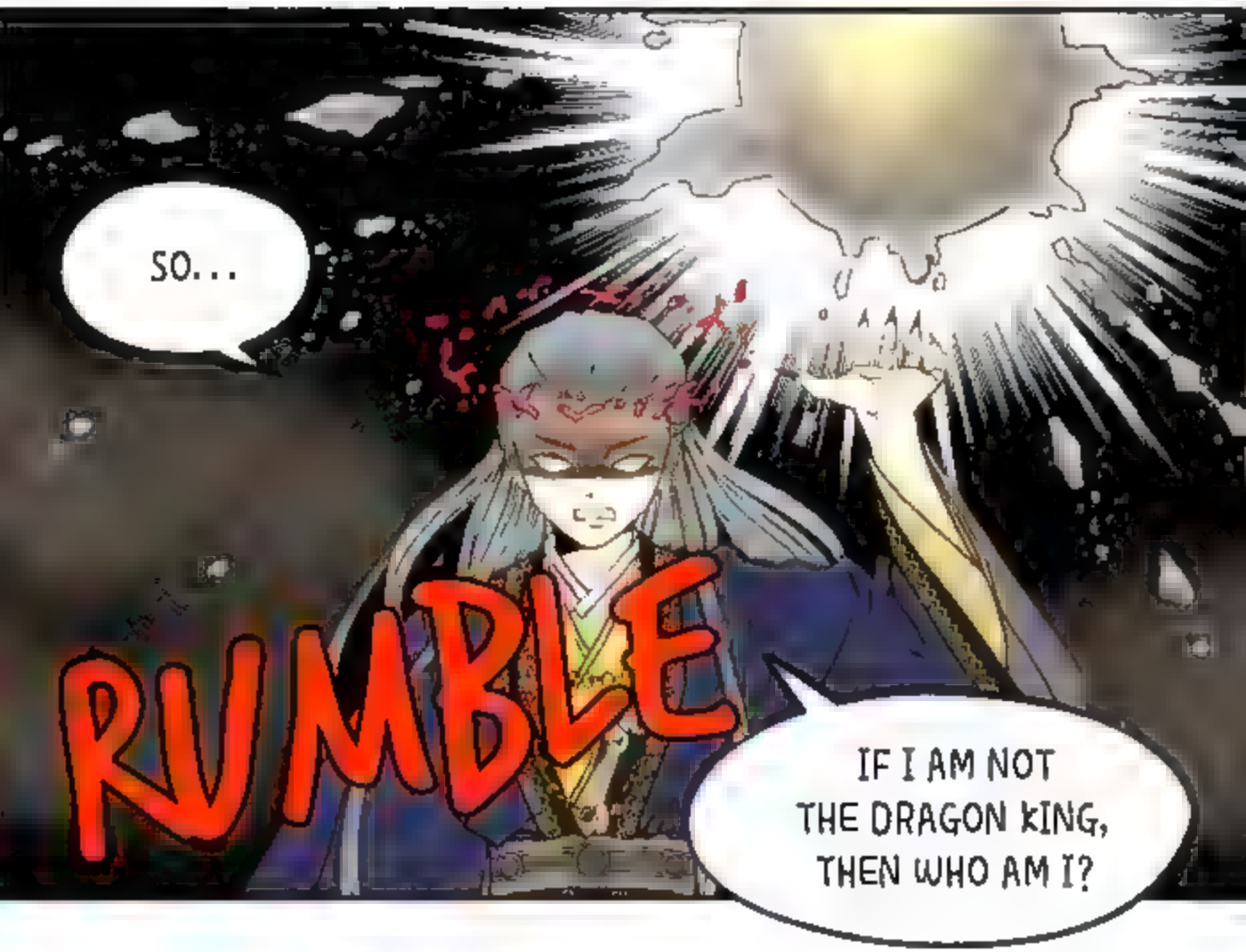

SIMCHEONG MUST HAVE FALLEN IN THE WESTERN SEA.

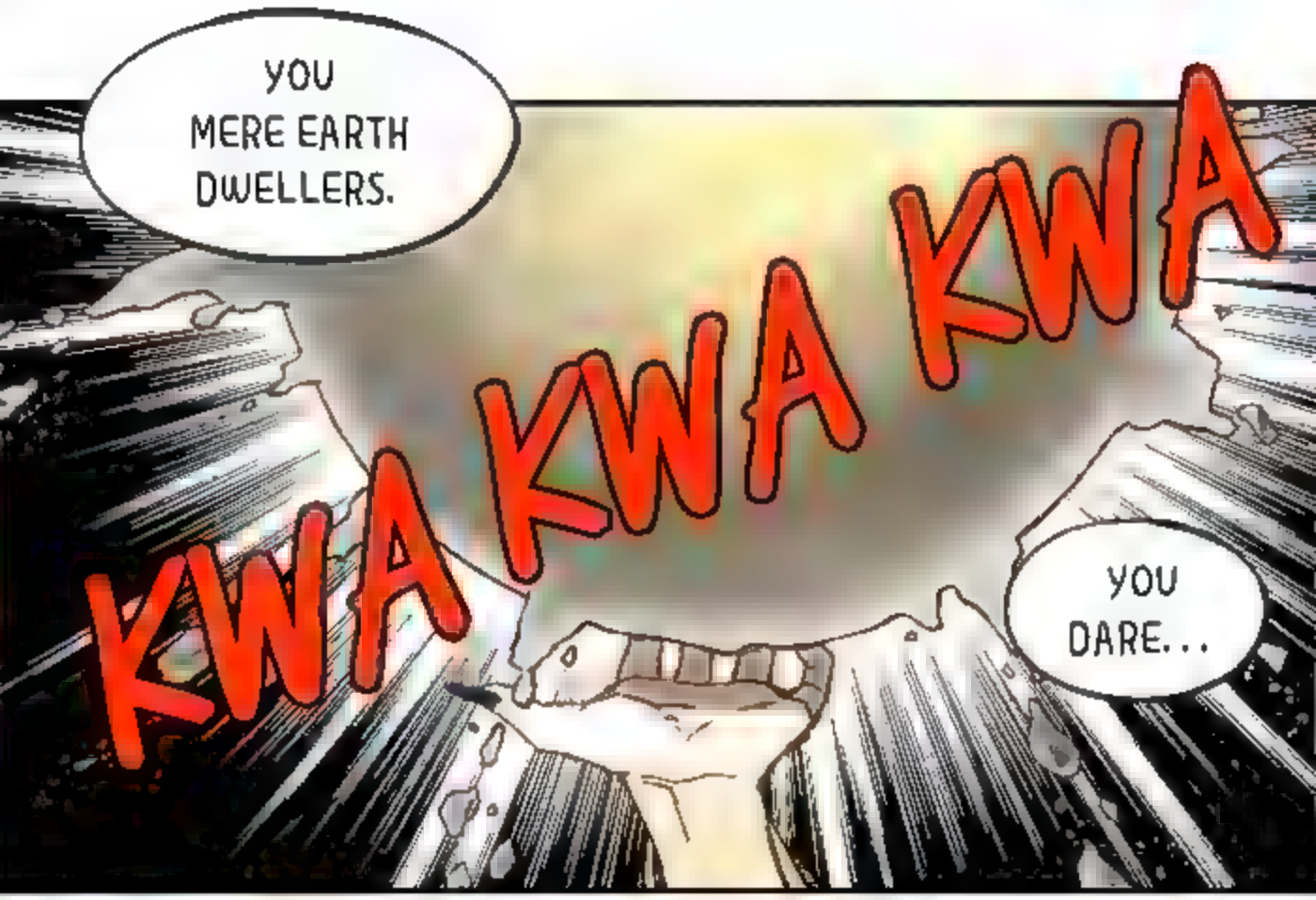
SPLASH

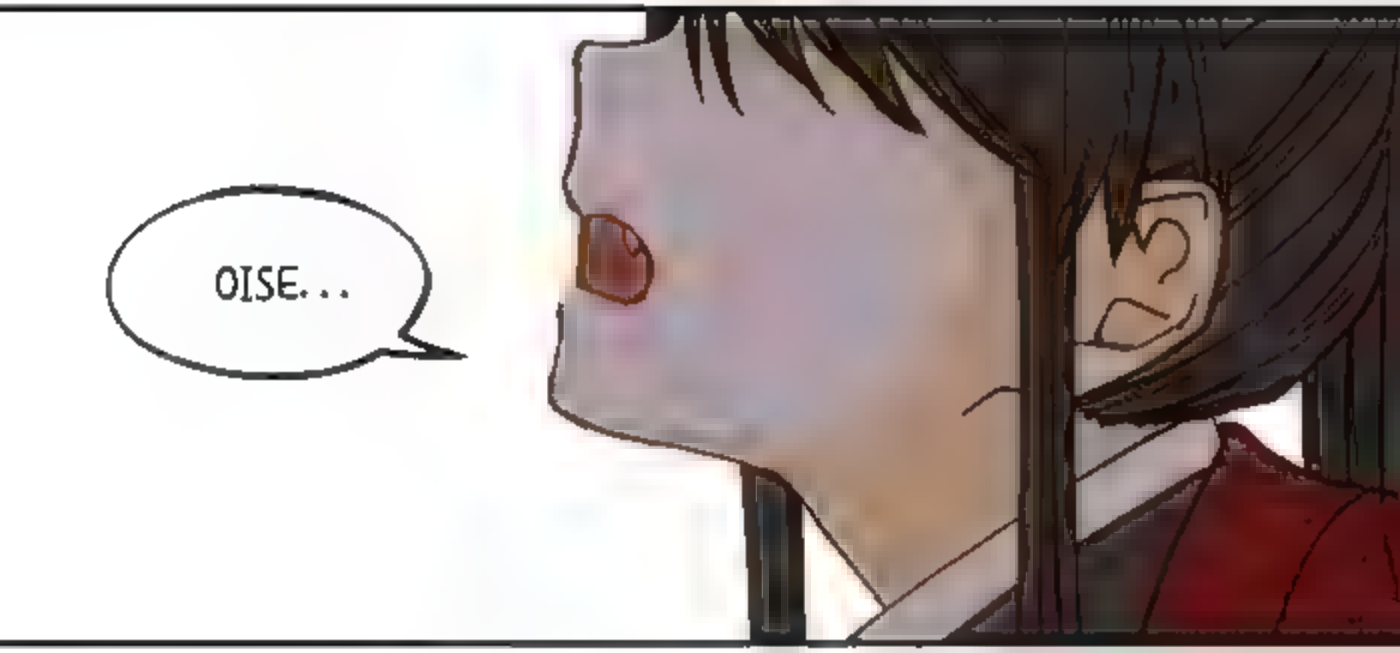
I THINK
THE ONE WHO WANTED
TO EAT THE RABBIT'S
LIVER...

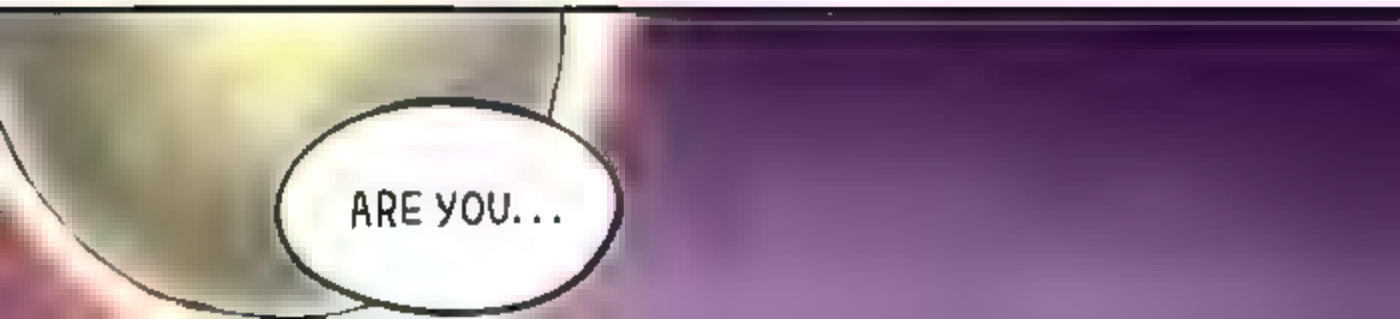
...IS THE DRAGON KING OF THIS SEA.
WHO DO YOU THINK...
SMASH

...WAS THE MOST PISSED OFF AT THE RABBIT?
WHOOSH


SO...
RUMBLE
IF I AM NOT THE DRAGON KING, THEN WHO AM I?


YOU MERE EARTH DWELLERS.
KWA KWA KWA KWA
YOU DARE...


OISE...


ARE YOU...

...THE TERRAPIN...?

W-
CRUMBLE

W-
W-
WHAT?

...THE TERRAPIN OFFICIAL?